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CROSSFIELD KILLED IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

A. Scott Crossfield, renowned for his aviation achievements, especially piloting the X-15 rocket plane, was killed in a crash while flying his own Cessna 210A. He was a great friend of CAP and supporter of aerospace education. He created the A. Scott Crossfield Teacher of the Year Award which is presented at each NCASE. He was returning home from a meeting at CAP National Headquarters when the accident occurred.

STURGESS ACCEPTS POSITION AS NORTHEAST REGION DIRECTOR OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Captain Jacqui Sturgess, promoted to Major as this newsletter was being prepared, is stepping down from her position as New York City Group Commander and will be taking on the Aerospace Education duties at Northeast Region,

AN EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM THE NY WING DIRECTOR OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Here, in the Aerospace Education department at Wing Headquarters, we take the Aerospace Education Seminar at the Wing Conference quite seriously. This year we had Captain Richard Lauricella give a presentation on the Space Shuttle during which he used models, posters, and photos to enhance his talk. The big highlight of the program, however, was the Moon rocks. He went to a great deal of trouble to borrow them from NASA. They were small pieces of rock encased in a lucite disk. Capt Lauricella, who had taught geology, was able to explain the different types of rocks. The real significance of these rocks was the fact that they had come from the Moon and were brought to Earth by the astronauts. Capt Lauricella gave his talk to a small, but attentive audience. He put a lot of effort in preparing his presentation and did an excellent job. He certainly deserved a larger audience.

Last year we had Capt Jacqui Sturgess give her excellent presentation on Women in Aviation. She covered two large tables with materials, for people to look at, that included books, magazines, pictures and even toys. Her presentation was entertaining as well as serious and informative. She was very professional in her approach. She knew how to get her audience involved and interested in her topic. She, too, deserved a larger audience than she got.

The year before, we had Major George Fillgrove, now Western Group Commander, who did a presentation on the, then, recently released CAP Model Rocketry Program. He had about a dozen of the current CAP Model Rocketry books when they were hot off the presses and boxes of model rockets of various types. He had Air Force baseball caps and T-shirts as give-aways and even gave away some of the model rockets. The intended purpose of the give-aways was to make the session more exciting as audience members would hope to be one of the lucky ones to get a prize. Unfortunately the audience was much smaller than expected, so everyone who attended got a prize and some got two. It was unfortunate that people missed the opportunity to listen to Maj Fillgrove, to learn,

and to ask questions about model rocketry. Maj Fillgrove was and is one of CAP's true experts on model rocketry.

The year before that was 2003, the 100th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight. Wing Aero Ed had spent the prior several years trying to make sure that CAP members had the knowledge and expertise to participate in this celebration. It was decided that the AE Seminar should be an open forum with participants telling about their plans to commemorate this momentous event and describe what they had already done thus far. It turned out that the Wing Aero Ed staff by had to jump start the flow of ideas by making suggestions about how to use the materials that National had sent to each unit in the country. A few ideas did come from the audience, but the audience was so small that there were not very many.

The point of this article is: should we continue to have Aerospace Education Seminars at Wing Conferences? We had obtained some really good speakers, who were very knowledgeable with respect to their topics and did extensive preparation for their presentations. They certainly must have been disappointed at the size of their audience.

2007 will be the 80th Anniversary of Lindbergh's famous non-stop, solo flight to Paris. We have Capt George Geller lined up to do the AE Seminar in 2007. He is our resident expert on Lindbergh. If very few people attend this seminar, it might be time to ask the Wing Commander to eliminate Aerospace Education seminars from the Wing Conferences even though National thinks we should have them. We would like some input from the field before we take this drastic step.